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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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1. claims: 1 (complete) 9-13 (partially)

A method for manufacturing a nucleic acid molecule wherein the second oligonucleotide is immobilised after the ligation and restriction steps, and subject-matter related thereto

2. claims: 2-8 (complete, 9-13 (partially)

As invention 1, but also including a step for immobilising the first oligonucleotide

3. claims: 14-21 (complete)

A method for manufacturing a nucleic acid molecule using elongated oligonucleotides wherein the first part and the second part of the nucleic acid molecule to be manufactured are consecutively arranged, and subject-matter related thereto

4. claims: 22-32 (complete)

A method for manufacturing a nucleic acid molecule using four ligation products each containing three moieties wherein the orientation of the third moiety contained in the first and second ligation product is the same and the orientation of the third moiety contained in the third and fourth ligation product is the same, the orientations being opposite with regard to the nucleic acid molecule to be manufactured, and subject-matter related thereto

5. claims: 33-42 (complete)

A method for manufacturing a nucleic acid molecule using four ligation products each containing three moieties wherein first and second transposition products are created by cutting, ligating and recutting a first and second ligation product and a third and fourth ligation product, respectively, and subject-matter related thereto.

6. claims: 43-53 (complete), 67 (partially)

A method for the ligation of two oligonucleotides in the presence of at least a third oligonucleotide and a capping oligonucleotide, and subject-matter related thereto.

7. claims: 54 (complete) 56-67 (partially)

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

A method for manufacturing a nucleic acid molecule wherein the ligation product is immobilised before the restriction step, followed by addition of a further oligonucleotide, and subject-matter related thereto.

8. claims: 55 (complete), 56-67 (partially)

A method for manufacturing a nucleic acid molecule wherein the ligation product is cut before immobilisation followed by addition of a further oligonucleotide, and subject-matter related thereto.

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